

Science Communication Internship

Through a Partnership between the National Park Service Great Lakes Research and Education Center, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and the Dunes Learning Center, two science communication Internships will be available during the spring, summer, and/or fall of 2016.



Application Deadline: Monday, April 4, 2016

Description: The Great Lakes Research and Education Center (GLREC), stationed at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, facilitates research and provides educational opportunities in 10 national parks in the Western Great Lakes Region. The GLREC communicates scientific information to enhance management decisions within the parks and contributes to public understanding of natural and cultural resources. Use your creative communication talents to reach broad audiences about research going on in national parks!

The GLREC is currently accepting applications for summer 2016 internships, each stationed at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter, IN. Start dates are flexible. Two, 10 -12 week internships are available. Interns will receive an honorarium of \$3500 with payments made midway through and upon completion of the internships.

Interns will learn about national parks, natural and cultural resource issues within those parks, and current methods of science communication. They will conduct interviews, accompany scientists in the field, and photograph researchers in action. Field work will largely be done at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, but projects will include research going on in other Great Lakes Parks, with interviews being conducted from a distance. Interns will create products that communicate about research and share research findings related to natural and cultural resources in the national parks in the western Great Lakes region. Products may include:

- Social media posts
- Resource briefs
- Content for websites
- Articles for local media outlets
- A photo library
- A science communication plan

This internship is intended for young journalists with an interest in natural resources seeking careers in communication. Preference is given to candidates pursuing or holding an advanced degree in journalism and with a background in science or natural resources, or with an advanced degree in science or natural resources and a strong background in journalism. Upperclassmen with strong science and writing backgrounds are also welcome to apply. The successful candidate will be self-motivated, and will have proven communication skills, experience in photography, and an interest in natural resources.

The intern will need to provide their own transportation and laptop computer. Housing may be available. Office space will be provided.

To apply: please send the following information to wendy_w_smith@nps.gov :

- a letter describing what you hope to gain from the internship and how your previous experience makes you most suitable for this position
- resume
- a writing sample
- a letter of recommendation from a university professor familiar with your journalism abilities
- a copy of your transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable)

All applications must be received by April 4, 2016.